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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Domestic Contact Service

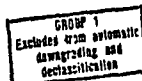
ATTENTION : []

SUBJECT : Resettlement of Freds Z. LAUNAGS

1. Reference is made to the memorandum from Chief, SB to Chief, DCS dated 23 June 1966 same subject. We have just received a full report on LAUNAGS' recent activities including his visit to Canada and resulting difficulties from Chief, CI/R & A. A copy of this memorandum is attached for your information.

2. We have no way of determining how much of the story which LAUNAGS related to [] is completely factual, but it may be speculated that some portions at least could be more the fantasy of a disordered mind than actual cold fact. Not to be excluded also is the possibility that LAUNAGS may have an ulterior motive in making some of the statements contained in the report, perhaps to arouse concern on the part of U.S. authorities about his intention to repatriate to Latvia. In short, we cannot be certain that he really intends to go through with his threat. On the subject of his veracity, it should be noted that the version of his Canadian escapade which we received by cable from our Station [] does not correspond exactly to that which he gave []. Our [] Station was advised by competent Canadian authorities that LAUNAGS had checked into the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal in June under the name Lins LAUK. He remained there until 15 June and left the hotel leaving behind a bill of \$350. He then went to the Airport Hilton Hotel and ordered a dinner for which he could not pay and was immediately jailed. This version came to us by cable and may not be exactly precise in all details, but if it is correct, then LAUNAGS has told a different and more fantastic version to [].

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3. We hope that there will be enough information in the attached report to enable [] to establish contact with LAUNAGS in New York as originally planned. We see no reason to hesitate on account of his alleged contact with a Soviet representative at the U.N., which may or may not have occurred in the manner which LAUNAGS relates.

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Attachment: As stated

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